

# From the Sanctuary of the Holy Trinity to Our Lady of Erbia

## Road access from Bergamo:

Casnigo (Valle Seriana), Shrine of the Holy Trinity of Casnigo  
Km. 25

## Start of excursion:

Parking at the Holy Trinity in Casnigo (690 m.)

## Travelling time:

2<sup>h</sup> (a/r)

## Height difference:

120 m.

## Difficulties:

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## Recommended period:

All year round without snow

## Water on the route:

YES

## Rest stop:

Bar and restaurant near the Madonna d'Erbia Tel: Fabio 347 6004296 Lisa 329 7236949

## Information:

Bar and restaurant near the Madonna d'Erbia Tel: 351 7893352

## Topographic map:

IGM F. ° 33 II N.O. Albino

## Geographical coordinates:

45,821568° N, 9,872870° E

On a beautiful day in late October, we arrive in Casnigo, a small village in the Seriana Valley in the Gandino Valley. Following the signs for the Strada dei Santuari and Madonna d'Erbia, we arrive at the car park of the Santissima Trinità sanctuary, Bergamo's Sistine Chapel for the stupendous frescoes that can already be admired from the outside.



We park at the Santuario della Santissima Trinità di Gandino.



There are two information panels, one on the sanctuary and the other on local traditions.



Casnigo the village of the baghèt.



We reach the sanctuary.



The church is surrounded by a well-kept lawn.



On one side of the lawn there are games for children.



We reach the main entrance of the sanctuary.



Under the arches, one can glimpse frescoes.



We enter through the side door of the sanctuary and approach the altar.



The altar is finely decorated and surrounded by a well-kept wooden choir.



The vault of the altar is splendid.



As we walk towards the main entrance, we see a wooden organ on the right.



In the background of the sanctuary is a group with a guide explaining the history of the frescoes.



On the right side, there are frescoes with images of saints.



One stands in awe before such beauty.



We end our visit with the last section of the wall, full of sacred images. The sanctuary is closed on weekdays, for information ask Mr Bettinaglio Stefano tel. 320 1622613 - 035 741154. There is a bar service near the sanctuary. We leave the sanctuary behind us and take the road to the left slightly downhill, then keeping to the right we start to climb.



After about twenty minutes of gentle ascent, we arrive at the chapel of the Casnigo Alpine soldiers.



We approach it for a remembrance of the fallen Alpine soldiers.



Near the chapel there is a plaque on a boulder.



Further along the path is a sign that might interest goat cheese lovers: Cascina Tilde.



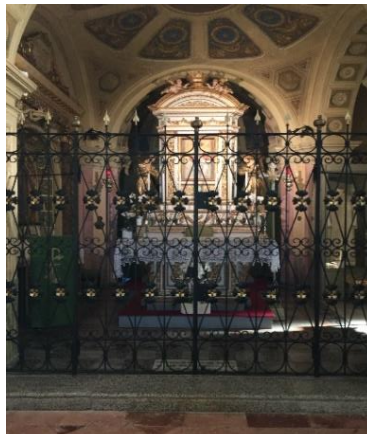
Another twenty-minute walk leads to the sanctuary of the Madonna d'Erba (18th-20th century). Around 1550, an ancient image of Mary suckling the baby Jesus at her breast was painted on the wall of a stable, and the mountaineers who worked and passed through the area began to pray and invoke her.



After walking down the short tree-lined avenue, we approach the entrance to the shrine.



We enter for a brief tour of the sanctuary.



We approach the altar in religious silence.



On our way out, we admire the panorama of the valley.



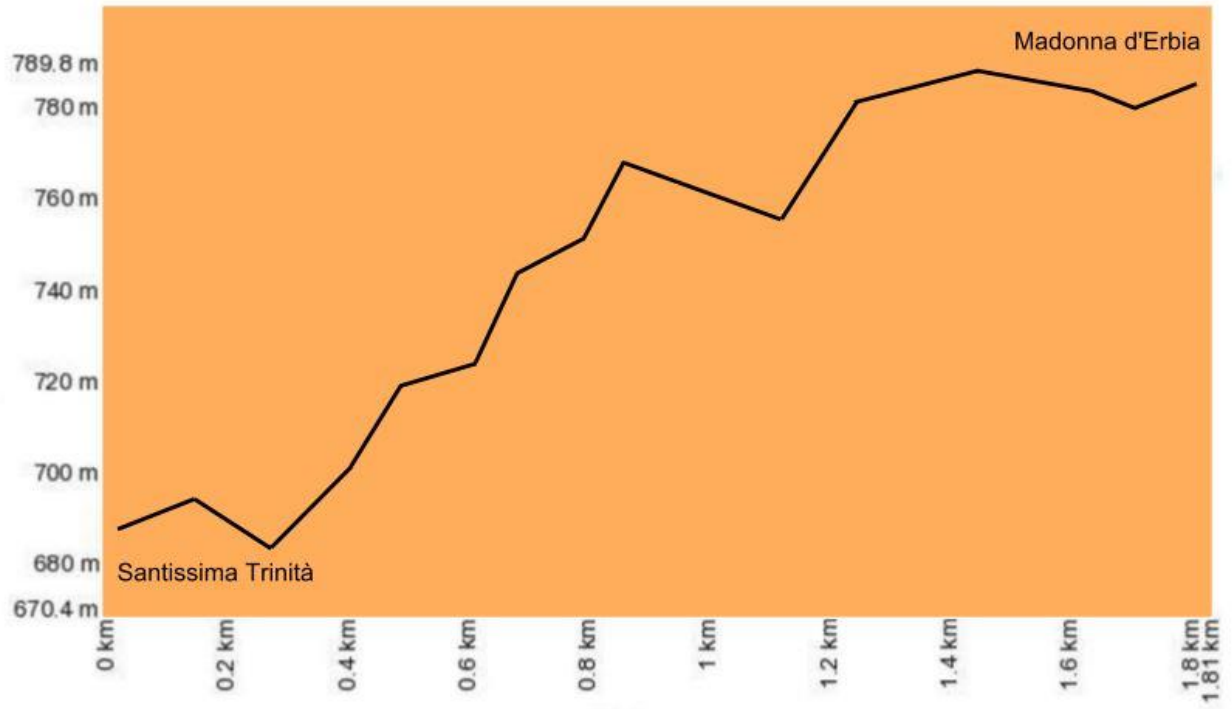
The return is the same as the outward journey, or you can take a cobbled mule track to the right, leaving the sanctuary behind. This is the *Vià d'Érbia*, which can be done in good weather but is slippery in the rain.



We continue downhill until we come to a cemented path as wide as a car can pass, turn left and continue downhill until we find "*Vià é Bràcc*" on the left. The first part of the path is a short flight of steps, then it is quite flat and takes us to the car park where we started.



# Altimetry



# Route Map

